

HR 2269

Wildlife VET Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Animals

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. (Jun 5, 2015)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	May 27, 2015
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 5, 2015
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Wildlife Veterinarians Employment and Training Act or the Wildlife VET Act

This bill authorizes the Department of the Interior to award grants to wildlife or veterinary institutions to create additional clinical and research positions for wildlife and zoological veterinarians. Preference must be given to institutions that will create positions in areas of need, including wildlife disease research and training, disease surveillance, ecology and wildlife population management, and conservation and management of the health of endangered, threatened, and sensitive species.

Interior must establish: (1) the Wildlife and Zoological Veterinary Workforce Loan Repayment Program to pay educational loans of eligible individuals for a doctoral degree in veterinary medicine or a graduate degree in veterinary medicine, and (2) the Wildlife and Zoological Veterinary Workforce Scholarship Program to award students enrolled in an accredited school or college of veterinary medicine scholarships. Those loans may be repaid and the awards may be given only if the recipient of the loan or the award agrees to serve for at least four consecutive years at a wildlife or veterinary institution as a wildlife or zoological veterinarian.

Interior must also: (1) establish a pilot program to award grants to accredited schools and colleges of veterinary medicine to develop or improve new or existing curricula that specialize in wildlife or zoological veterinary medicine, and (2) award grants to eligible wildlife or veterinary institutions to establish or expand training programs that will enhance the ability of a trainee to practice as a wildlife or zoological veterinarian. Those training programs may include externship, internship, fellowship, or residency programs.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 5, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Jun 5, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **May 27, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.
- **May 12, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **May 12, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E675)
- **May 12, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.